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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the present application to add the following new claims. These claims are being added not for purposes of patentability, but simply to further describe the invention. A check in the amount of \$152.00 is enclosed to cover the filing fee for these additional claims.

In the claims:

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24. (New) The system of claim 1, further comprising:
means for identifying each complication which the patient encountered during the surgery;
storage means for storing the identified complications; and
means for automatically determining a complication rate based on the identified complications.

25. (New) The system of claim 24, further comprising storage means for storing information about each surgery including at least one of surgeon information and surgery type information, and wherein the determined complication rate is further based on at least one of the surgeon information and the surgery type information.

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